



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 26 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Karl & Caroline Kuenster; Karolyn Huinker	
Wednesday, March 27 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Bernice Muench	
Thursday, March 28 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Heather Mills Roger	
Friday, March 29 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† John V. Richard	
Saturday, March 30. . . . .	8:15 AM
Thanksgiving for Successful Surgery	
	<b>5:00 PM</b>
† John Walker	
<b>Sunday, March 31 . . . . .</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
† Bill Massey	
	<b>9:30 AM</b>
People of Our Parish	

## RECONCILIATION

Before Daily & Sunday Masses  
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

## ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

In addition to the daily and Saturday Confession schedule, Fr. William will be offering Confessions from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Tuesdays, March 26 and April 2, 9 and on **Holy Saturday, 4-5 pm.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### March 16 & 17

Church Support Envelopes . . . . .	\$4,773.00
Offertory Cash. . . . .	\$668.00
Children's Offertory. . . . .	\$37.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$988.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$3,778.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$10,244.00</b>
Budgeted Offertory for March . . . . .	\$33,337.00
Offertory Received in March. . . . .	\$25,961.00
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . . . .</b>	<b>\$7,376.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offertory Comparison</b>	
February 2019 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$28,595.00
February 2018 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$31,177.00

## From Our Pastor:

More than two weeks ago, we entered Lent longing for a newness that we cannot find within ourselves – indeed, Lent is God’s way of drawing us back to Himself in love. No matter how beset or beleaguered we may get because of the burdens we all face in our daily life, our faith convinces us that we are wanted by *Someone* who surpasses all our worries and woes. That *Someone* is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And He is calling to us this Lent again, to His grace and mercy, to His love. No matter what our defects may be – no matter the gravity of our failures or the frequency of our forgetfulness of God, the Lord patiently calls us. We respond to God’s grace by trying to live for Him, in love for Him and for our neighbor – and we go to Mass and Confession, thirsting for mercy and love, to be forgiven, healed and strengthened by God, and we pray:

*Lord, please take away our anxieties and our resistance.* Because of our selfishness, our self-reliance and fear, we often end up saying “no” to You. Please take away our defiance. Help us to hear Your Voice calling us to Your Love.

*Lord, please do not let us be slaves to our plans.* Many good things have happened to us in ways that we never expected. Your loving providence is greater than anything that we could arrange. Help us to be aware of Your presence at every moment and to trust in You.

*Lord, let us not be done in by discouragement.* You know how prone we are to melancholy, bitterness, resentment and indifference. Help us to curb our contrariness and complaining. Help us to renew our desire to hope in You, to follow You, the source of all joy and love.

*Lord, let us turn over to You all our self-doubt.* Our limitations make us more aware of our need to depend on You. Beyond our understanding, You want us in Heaven for Life Eternal. Help us to hold fast to this truth.

*Lord, let us experience this Lent a true conversion in living for You.* Help us, dear Lord, to become totally receptive to Your will and to let You, my God, guide us. This Lent, help us to do spiritual and corporal works of mercy out of love for You and for our neighbor.

With peace and prayers in Christ,  
*Fr. William*

**Corporal works of mercy:** feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; visit the imprisoned; and bury the dead.

**Spiritual works of mercy:** counsel the doubtful; instruct the ignorant; admonish sinners; comfort the sorrowful; forgive injuries; bear wrongs patiently; and pray for the living and the dead. (See Matthew 25:31-46; Isaiah 58; Hebrews 13; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1829 & 2447.)

## LANCASTER ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES (LAC) NEWS!

As many of you know, the LAC Food Pantry, the LIFE (Low Income Food Exchange) program and the Grant County Holiday Project will soon be moving to a new location, the old WE Energies building across from the Lancaster Fire Department. The LAC acquired the building through the generosity of Fritz Family Foundation with the specific intent that it be used by the LAC to assist the needy. The building is currently undergoing demolition and renovation to house these three important social outreach programs. The LIFE Program and the Holiday Project were displaced due to the construction of the new Grant County Jail and the Grant County Social Services building near Orchard Manor. The Food Pantry is being moved from the Lancaster Congregational Church for numerous reasons. The LIFE program, the LAC Food Pantry and the Holiday Project have done so much to support and enhance the lives of people in need in our community, the surrounding area and in our county. They will continue to do so with your support. As the WE Energies building undergoes its transformation, your financial support is needed for its renovation, rent, utilities and upkeep. To make a donation, checks can be written to the Lancaster Association of Churches Building Fund, and sent to Linda Bendorf, PO Box 204, Lancaster. On behalf of the LAC, Thank You in advance for your generosity, support and your prayers.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:  
MARCH 30 & 31**



- 5 PM Lectors:** Linda Ihm & Rick Benson
- 5 PM Servers:** Mason & Avery Crooks
- 7:30 AM Lector:** Jan Block
- 7:30 AM Servers:** Bill Manthe & Olivia Webster
- 9:30 AM Lectors:** Sheri Ihm & Linda Ihm
- 9:30 AM Servers:** Kaitlyn & Kelsey NeCollins, Sydney Busch

**UNPLANNED IS COMING TO DUBUQUE  
THIS WEEK!**

*Unplanned* is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

*Unplanned* will be showing at the AMC Classic Dubuque 14 Theatre at 2835 NW Arterial beginning on Thursday night this week, March 28. On Friday the 29th, Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st, there will be multiple show times. There is no guarantee that *Unplanned* will be shown after these dates in Dubuque. Advance tickets can be purchased. Contact the AMC Theatre at 563-582-7801, or go to their website at [www.amctheatres.com/movie-theatres/dubuque/amc-classic-dubuque-14](http://www.amctheatres.com/movie-theatres/dubuque/amc-classic-dubuque-14).

In a recent interview, Abby said that when she was approached to make her book into a movie, she said she would only do so on one condition. It was this – that the movie would be true to her story and not be embellished for theatrical effect in any way. The creators agreed and this is her story, which as she says, is a story of transformation, conversion and a coming to faith on many levels. You can view the trailer at [www.unplannedmovie.com](http://www.unplannedmovie.com), or on the Unplanned or our parish Facebook pages.

In the same interview, it was noted that there is an irony regarding the movie and society. The movie has been rated R which means no one under 17 can be admitted without a parent or guardian, yet a teenage girl that age or younger can get an abortion without parental or guardian consent.

See and hear Abby's story for yourself and be transformed as well! Remember, *Unplanned* is being shown in a few select theaters around the country this coming weekend only. The closest locations are Dubuque and Madison.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

- Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm, St. Clement Church, Lancaster
- Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

**THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT**

- Sunday, March 24 . . . . . 7 pm, St. Clement Men's Group Session, Dining Hall
- Tuesday, March 26 . . . . . 6:30-7:30 pm, Confessions
- Wednesday, March 27 . . . . . 9:30 am, Mass at Orchard Manor . . . . . 10:30 am, Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care . . . . . 2:15 pm, Stations of the Cross (School) . . 6 – 6:45 pm, Pray to End Abortion, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel . . . . . 7 pm, Communal Penance Service, St. Clement . . . . . RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm); Grades 7-9 (7-8:30 pm)
- Thursday, March 28 . . . . . 8:15 am, All School Mass
- Friday, March 29 . . . . . 5:30 pm, Stations of the Cross

**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING FOR LENT**

During the Holy Season of Lent, we are focusing on the Passion of Jesus, using the study by Dr. Edward Sri titled, *"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion."* There are two opportunities to take part in *"No Greater Love"*: Wednesdays at 9:00 AM; and Thursdays at 6:15 PM. We will gather in the parish office meeting room, with sessions lasting about an hour and a half. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Bill Manthe at the parish office if you have any questions.

**FORMED: FOR THIS WEEK!**

As we move more deeply into our Lenten journey, the study, "Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession," will help each of us know more fully the great mercy and healing of the Lord as we prepare for Easter. By looking at God's revelation of mercy in Holy Scripture and examining the Rite of Penance itself, "Forgiven" communicates God's invitation to experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register for FORMED, go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org), click on "Enter Code," enter our parish code, **DHYNXC**, then proceed as directed. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions. Take advantage of FORMED this Lenten Season!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays, 5:30 pm, March 29  
and April 5 and 12.

**SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL**

**GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY**

If you cannot attend our annual Saint Clement Celebration of Giving Dinner Auction on April 6, please purchase some raffle tickets. Tickets are available at the SCRIP Table following all weekend Masses, at the School and Parish Offices during the week, or at any time from one of our school families. They are just \$25 each and offer a Grand Prize of \$5,000!!! Second Prize is \$1,000 and Third Prize is \$500. If we can sell all 600 tickets, we will raise \$8,500 for our parish school!!! Please note that a minimum of 520 tickets must be sold; otherwise the cash prizes may be prorated. The minimum prize for each place is guaranteed to be at least \$500. Please help spread the word and thank you for your continued support of our wonderful parish school.